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SUBJECT: U.S. SUPPORT FOR UNHCR/WORLD BANK SELF HELP
PROJECTS FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES

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1. AID AND RP RECENTLY HELD DISCUSSIONS PREPARATORY TO
FORMAL PLANNING SESSIONS FOR THE PARIS CONSORTIUM. A
MAJOR TOPIC WAS THE U.S. POSITION ON THE UNHCR/WORLD
BANK SELF HELP PROJECTS.

2. RP BELIEVES THAT WALZER'S IDEA TO LOAN GOP FUNDS OUT
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OF OUR RUPEE DONATION FOR 1983 IS NOT WORKABLE. WE
CANNOT LEGALLY AUTHORIZE AN ADVANCE OF MONEY TO AN
ORGANIZATION WHEN NO FORMAL CONTRACT HAS BEEN SIGNED.
IT IS ALSO NOT POSSIBLE TO AUTHORIZE USE OF MONEY WHICH
HAS BEEN OBLIGATED IN ONE FISCAL YEAR FOR A PROJECT TO
ACTUALLY BEGIN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. MOREOVER THE
COMPLICATIONS OF ARRANGING SUCH A PASSTHROUGH AND
PAYBACK ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE ADMINISTRATIVELY COMPLEX
AND WOULD SET AN UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT. FINALLY WE FEEL

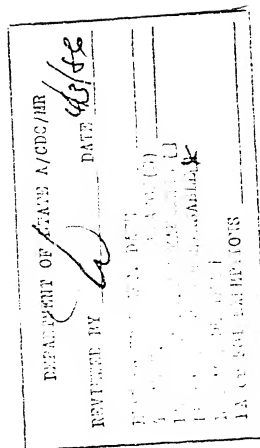
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3. RP HAS SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT BECOMING INVOLVED IN WHAT ARE BASICALLY DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES. FOR THE SAME REASONS THAT THE UNHCR DOES NOT FEEL QUALIFIED TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM, RP DOES NOT BELIEVE ITS MANDATE WOULD PERMIT FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THIS TYPE OF PROGRAM.

4. REGARDING THE POTENTIAL USE OF AID FUNDS TO HELP
FINANCE THE PROJECT: WE REALIZE THAT GOP WANTS ALL
DONOR ASSISTANCE FOR THE PROJECT TO BE ADDITIVE, I.E.
OVER AND ABOVE CURRENT AID COMMITMENTS. THERE IS,
HOWEVER, NO WAY THAT AID CAN GO ANY HIGHER THAN THE \$225
MILLION IN ESF MONEY FOR FY84 WHICH IS ALREADY COMMITTED.

6. QUERY: IS THE GOP INTERESTED ENOUGH IN GETTING THIS PROJECT OFF THE GROUND TO USE ROUGHLY \$2.5 MILLION OF THE \$225 MILLION FROM AID IN FY 84 AS A WAY TO GET ONE MAJOR DONOR INVOLVED, AND THEREBY ACT AS A SPUR TO OTHER DONORS? IT WOULD APPEAR THERE WOULD BE SUFFICIENT SELF-INTEREST FOR THE GOP TO SUPPORT THIS, AND THE OBVIOUS ADVANTAGE SHOULD BE CITED WHEN RAISING THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ISSUE WITH PAKISTANI OFFICIALS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE
YOUR VIEWS ON THIS POSSIBILITY, WHICH APPEARS TO US THE
ONLY WAY THAT THE U.S. CAN PROVIDE TANGIBLE SUPPORT FOR
THIS PROJECT.

6. AID AND RP WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION'S COMMENTS BY
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